



# CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE of Western Illinois, Inc.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sept. 2nd	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Sept. 2nd	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 11th	Board Meeting	5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 17th	Belgian Fest	Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 23rd	Yard Sale	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
October 12th	Belgian Dinner	5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Visit the Center for more information and to stay updated on current events.

## Schedule for Volunteers

The September schedule is as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gift Counter</i>	<i>Host/Hostess</i>
Fri., Sept. 1st	Rosemarie VanAcker	Joan DeClerck
Sat., Sept. 2nd	Barb Michalek (am)	Grace Fisher (pm)
Wed., Sept. 6th	Alan Hoyt	Alan Hoyt
Fri., Sept. 8th	Millie Kale	Millie Kale
Sat., Sept. 9th	Mary Gardner-Karcher	Mary Gardner-Karcher
Wed., Sept. 13th	Bonnie Newman	Mary Lou Andrae
Fri., Sept. 15th	Georgia Slininger	Bev Fullmer
Sat., Sept. 16th	Diana Slininger	Diana Slininger
Wed., Sept. 20th	Barb Coppens	Linda Polich
Fri., Sept. 22nd	tbd	tbd
Sat., Sept. 23rd	tbd	tbd
Wed., Sept. 27th	tbd	tbd
Fri., Sept. 29th	Bob Francione	Bob Francione
Sat., Sept. 30th	Diana Slininger	Diana Slininger

*Contact Diana Slininger at (309) 792-2790  
as soon as possible if there is a schedule conflict.*

## YARD SALE

Our annual fundraising yard sale will be held Saturday, September 23rd, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot of DeRoo Funeral Home. Items can be dropped off at the Center on days open, or you can call Angie Jennes at (309) 631-5766 for pick-up. Please, no clothing.

**OPEN Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**Waffle Breakfast 1st Sat. of each month**

## Learning a Tradition

CBC member Ron Coene of Potomac, MD, sent us a note after viewing a video we mentioned, "World War I: Legacy, Letters, and Lace." The video attracted his interest in having his grandchildren learn the art of Belgian lace making. He purchased a kit from Snowgoose, and this picture represent grand-daughter Lauren Coene's first efforts.



## Belgian Dinner

The Center is hosting a dinner at the Moline Hy-Vee on Avenue of the Cities on Thursday, October 12th, beginning with a happy hour at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. The meal will consist of four courses: soup, salad, Belgian meatballs w/potato and braised Belgian endive, and dessert. All will be prepared with recipes from the CBC's Belgian cookbook. Cost is \$30.00/person and that includes tax and tip. The bar is on your own, but Hy-Vee has a happy hour from 4:00-6:00 p.m. with drink and appetizer specials.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the waffle breakfast and the Center, or you can call the Center at (309) 762-0167, but payment and reservations must be made by October 5th. We hope we'll see you there.

### CBC SCHOLAR RECIPIENT ESSAY

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Catholic nun, has told me a lot about my ancestors who traveled here. I feel privileged to have living relative that can teach and tell me about my heritage, being that it wasn't long ago that it happened.

Knowing about my heritage is not something that I had always thought about in depth. I know now after research that I knew more and lived by more of its values than I could have imagined. I love and appreciate every bit of the culture of Belgium, and the ways that it relates to my everyday life. The customs and values of my ancestors are ones that I am proud of.

## Continued Special Thanks

We continue to salute members who have stepped up to sponsor a breakfast or the newsletter. This month, **Lizette L. Desseyn** has contributed sponsorship of two newsletters.

Previous contributors have been: **Mary Joy Allaert Feeney** (3 waffle breakfasts); **Chris Van Lancker** (donates her time in the layout of the monthly newsletter); **Dr. Volkan and Merry Sumer** of Tremont, Illinois (1 breakfast); **Rafferty Funeral Home** (1 breakfast); **Kevin and Colleen Rafferty** (1 breakfast); and **Patrick and Barb Van Nevel** (1 breakfast and 1 newsletter).

We also received from the **Kevin DeRoo Family, Mary Joy Allaert Feeney, Phyllis Maxfield, Walter and Linda VanDamme, Lavone Slead, and Donna Cavins**, additional donations added to their membership renewals.

To those mentioned above, a special "Thank You" from your CBC Board. Your continued support is so greatly appreciated!

## Belgian Fest

While the name has changed, the concept remains the same: To preserve and honor the Belgian heritage of Moline and the Olde Town area.

The Belgian horses will be back, the lace makers and waffles will be there, as will the rolle bolle tournament, entertainment by the Happy Belgians and the Grey Wolf Band, and beer. The date is **Sunday, September 17th**, from noon to 4:00 p.m. We hope we'll see you all there.

You can help, too. The fest committee has had some yard signs printed and hopefully some of you will put a sign in your yard. They will be at the waffle breakfast and can also be picked up at the Center whenever it is open. The committee will even pick them up after the event.

## SEPTEMBER WAFFLE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers for September's waffle breakfast will be Debbie Schwiebert, Angie Jennes, Millie Kale, Gary Francque, LuAnn Hayden, and Karen and Patrick VandeKerckhove. Mike Kerckhove will mix the mix and start the coffee, and Joan DeCap will cashier. Catherine VanHecke will make sure everyone enjoys their breakfast.

## 2017 Scholars

It was an extremely warm yet enjoyable evening to salute the CBC and Ruth Lambrick VanTieghem Scholars for 2017. Receiving the CBC awards were Arden Brewer from Orland Park, KS, Kelli Kluever from Annawan, IL, and Sage Roberson of Moline. The VanTieghem scholar was Alondra Rosas, but she was unable to attend. Mary Lorenzen, chairperson for the CBC's scholarship fundraising efforts presented our checks. We were honored to have Al VanTieghem, son Rick, and daughter Carolyn Haines in attendance for their presentation.

Thank you to Catherine Van Hecke, Millie Kale, Diana Slininger, Angie Jennes, and Karen VandeKerckhove, for providing the refreshments and serving as hostesses.

## CBC Scholar Recipient

Our first scholarship honoree is Kelli Kluever of Annawan, Illinois. Kelli was a member of the National Honor Society, a soloist at the IHSA Solo Ensemble (with a perfect score), an Illinois State Scholar, president of the student council, and a drum major in the band. She will be attending St. Ambrose University and majoring in nursing.

### MY HERITAGE by Kelli Kluever

It is common knowledge that many Europeans came over to America as early as the 1600s, but the most fascinating part is their origin and the ancestors who came after them. For me personally, both sets of my great-great grandparents and my great grandfather on my mother's VanDeVoorde side came over on a boat from Belgium in the late 1800s to early 1900s. Their courage and willingness to sacrifice so much to start a new life in America contributes greatly to my own success, because it is likely that I would not be here without them. To understand my heritage, it is important to understand where I came from, the customs of my ancestors' country, and my own personal family stories and experiences.

Belgium is a relatively mid-sized country, about the size of the Maryland, stuck between France, Germany, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. Most, to all, of my family on my mother's side came from this region, along with most of the ancestors of the people in my town. I live in an area now that is densely populated with Belgian descendants, and I find it interesting that we all have a similar heritage. I think it is important for everyone, including myself, to appreciate the opportunities we are given because our ancestors were so brave.



CBC Scholars (l-r) Kelli Kluever, Mary Lorenzen, Arden Brewer, and Sage Roberson



The Van Tieghem family (l-r) Rick, Al, and Carolyn Haines.

It is important to know the customs of my ancestors in order to preserve their memory and keep the culture of the family name alive. On the surface, I know that Belgians are strong Roman Catholics, and they enjoy playing rolle bolle, still a popular activity in my town. As I investigated further, I found that Belgians also strongly respect family, pay close attention to appearance and cleanliness, and the being punctual signifies respect. I realized that I live these customs in my everyday life and hardly noticed how I practice my ancestors' customs.

Rolle bolle is an important sport to the Belgian culture. Each year, my community holds the rolle bolle world tournament, in which many players from nearby towns and states come together to compete. I find it incredible that a sport, so important to my ancestors, can continue to live on many years after they immigrated to America. I think it is fascinating to learn the sport and see it played here.

My family has always taken its Belgian culture seriously. My grandmother can still speak some words in the Belgian language, despite living in America her entire life. She will also make hutsepot for the meal. My great uncle Hubert VanDeVoorde was an active member of the Belgian Culture Center for many years. My great aunt Diane, who is now a

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**Membership Renewal** (Please detach and return)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiting Member's Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2017

Would you like to volunteer? If yes, please let us know how below:

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Annual Fees Enclosed (check appropriately):

Single/Family (one per household)                      \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Senior (70+) Single/Family (one per household)      \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that complimentary memberships are automatically renewed.*

